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April 11, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office P O Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211 APR 1 1 2010 OLEHKS OFFICE

Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Gentlepersons:

l request that the commission consider, when deciding on allowing SCE&G to increase rates, the following:

- 1. They are, in effect, a monopoly in much of the Columbia area.
- 2. They provide a utility that is critical to all citizens' well being
- 3. The attempt to pass on to the consumer the cost of complying with federal regulations about which they've known for a considerable amount of time is hidden in their request.
- 4. Those most affected by this endeavor are the poorest, most likely to have been very negatively affected by the economic downturn, and hardest hit by across the boards increases among Columbia residents, and they have no other options.
- 5. The entire country has been asked to tighten our proverbial belts; what about the high paid executives of this utility? Surely a small reduction in their salaries, benefits, or package would more than make up for the cost of complying with federal regulations.

I would present this request in person, but am having surgery on April 26^{th} and unable to leave the hospital the 26h or 27^{th} .

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. I am happy, in the next 2 weeks, to respond to any questions this request raises.

Sincerely,

Gail L. Bienstock

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLERK'S OFFICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC NIGHT HEARING DOCKET NO. 2009-489-E

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY - APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing** on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **6:00 P.M. on Monday, April 26, 2010**, before the Public Service Commission at Summerville Town Hall – Council Chambers, Annex Building, 3rd Floor, 200 South Main Street, Summerville, South Carolina 29483. Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. All testimony will be given under oath.

Persons seeking further information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission's offices by dialing (803) 896-5100 or by writing to the address below.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing** on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 27, 2010**, before the Public Service Commission, at the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA 1422), 1142 Morrison Drive, Charleston, South Carolina 29403. Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. All testimony will be given under oath.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a **Public Night Hearing** on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **6:00 P.M. on Monday, May 24, 2010**, before the Public Service Commission, Commission Hearing Room, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Persons who wish to testify before the Public Service Commission regarding the Application may do so at this hearing. All testimony will be given under oath.

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